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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Required Interest Rate Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium for Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regulations. These rates and assumptions are published elsewhere (or can be derived from rates published elsewhere), but are collected and published in this notice for the convenience of the public. Interest rates are also published on the PBGC’s Web site (http://www.pbgc.gov).

DATES: The required interest rate for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in May 2007. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part
4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in June 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine B. Klion, Manager, Regulatory and Policy Division, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202–326–4024. (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1–800–877–8339 and ask to be connected to 202–326–4024.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Variable-Rate Premiums**

Section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and §4006.4(b)(1) of the PBGC’s regulation on Premium Rates (29 CFR part 4006) prescribe use of an assumed interest rate (the “required interest rate”) in determining a single-employer plan’s variable-rate premium. Pursuant to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, for premium payment years beginning in 2006 or 2007, the required interest rate is the “applicable percentage” of the annual rate of interest determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on amounts invested conservatively in long-term investment grade corporate bonds for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid (the “premium payment year”).

On February 2, 2007 (at 72 FR 4955), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) published final regulations containing updated mortality tables for determining current liability under section 412(l)(7) of the Code and section 302(d)(7) of ERISA for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2007. As a result, in accordance with section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of ERISA, the “applicable percentage” to be used in determining the required interest rate for plan years beginning in 2007 is 100 percent.

The required interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in May 2007 is 5.98 percent (i.e., 100 percent of the 5.98 percent composite corporate bond rate for April 2007 as determined by the Treasury).

The following table lists the required interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between June 2006 and May 2007.

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**Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal**

The PBGC’s regulation on Duties of Plan Sponsor Following Mass Withdrawal (29 CFR part 4281) prescribes the use of interest assumptions under the PBGC’s regulation on Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans (29 CFR part 4044). The interest assumptions applicable to valuation dates in June 2007 under part 4044 are contained in an amendment to part 4044 published elsewhere in today’s Federal Register. Tables showing the assumptions applicable to prior periods are codified in appendix B to 29 CFR part 4044.

Issued in Washington, DC, on this 10th day of May 2007.

Vincent K. Snowbarger,
Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**[Investment Company Act Release No. 27820; 812–13304]**

**Van Eck Worldwide Insurance Trust, et al.; Notice of Application**

May 9, 2007.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”).

**ACTION:** Notice of application for an order under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) and under section 12(d)(1)(A) of the Act for an exemption from sections 12(d)(1)(A) and (B).

**Summary of the Application:** The order would permit certain registered open-end management investment companies to acquire shares of other registered open-end management investment companies and unit investment trusts (“UTIs”) that are within and outside the same group of investment companies.

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**Funds (“Van Eck Funds”) and Van Eck Funds, Inc. (“Van Eck Funds II”)** (together, the “Investment Companies”) and Van Eck Associates Corporation (“Advisor”).

**DATES:** Filing Dates: The application was filed on June 16, 2006, and amended on May 3, 2007. Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission’s Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on May 31, 2007, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission’s Secretary.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–9903. Applicants: Joseph McBrien, Esq., Van Eck Associates Corporation, 99 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emerson S. Davis, Sr., Senior Counsel, at (202) 551–6868, or Nadya B. Roytblat, Assistant Director, at (202) 551–6821 (Office of Investment Company Regulation, Division of Investment Management).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the Commission’s Public Reference Desk, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–0102 (telephone (202) 551–5850).

**Applicants’ Representations**

1. WWIT is a Massachusetts business trust and is registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company, WWIT currently consists of five Funds, each with its own investment objective and policies. Shares of each WWIT Fund are currently offered and sold through

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1 All entities that currently intend to rely on the requested order are named as applicants and any other entity that relies on the order in the future will comply with the terms and conditions of the application. Applicants request that the relief also apply to any other existing or future registered open-end management investment company that is part of the same group of investment companies, as defined in section 12(d)(1)(C) of the Act, as the Investment Companies (included in the term “Investment Companies”). Each series of an Investment Company is referred to as “Fund” and collectively as “Funds.”